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C O N F I D E N T I A L ALGIERS 0046

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TAGS: PBOR, PFOR, AG, TS

SUBJECT: SPANISH SAHARA: TUNISIAN CONNECTION

REF: (A) TUNIS 0043 (DTG 061332Z JAN 76), (B) USDAO RABAT (DTG  
061453Z JAN 76) (NOTAL)

1. WE DOUBT THAT, AS EMBASSY TUNIS'S OFFICIAL CONTACTS SUGGEST  
(REF A), ALGERIANS WOULD "TURN IN WRATH", AT LEAST MILITARILY,  
ON TUNISIA AFTER WORKING WAY OUT OF CONFRONTATION WITH MOROCCO.  
ALGERIANS CONSIDER TUNISIANS, LIKE SENEGALESE, TO BE ACTING  
MERELY AS STOOGES FOR KING HASSAN, WHO ENJOYS PRIVILEGED  
STATUS OF IMPERIALISM'S CHIEF PAWN IN NORTH AFRICA.  
THUS GOA'S CONDEMNATION OF TUNISIAN REGIME, ACTION  
AGAINST TUNISIAN RESIDENTS IN ALGERIA, AND EVEN ALGERIAN  
TROOP MOVEMENTS ON TUNISIAN BORDER (REF B) SHOULD BE  
SEEN AS SECONDARY PART OF TOTAL ALGERIAN ANTI-MOROCCAN EFFORT.

2. WHILE ALGERIANS UNLIKELY TO MOVE AGAINST TUNISIANS  
MILITARILY, POLITICAL ACTION SEEMS MORE POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY  
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IF ALGERIANS FORCED TO EAT CROW IN SAHARA. THERE ARE REPORTS

THAT TUNISIAN OPPOSITIONIST SALAH YOUSSEF AND REGIME HERE  
GETTING TOGETHER AND SOME INDICATIONS THAT MASMOUDI HAS  
ENLISTED IN ALGERIAN CAUSE. WOULD BE LOGICAL TO EXPECT REGIME  
TO FOLLOW UP ON THESE INITIATIVES IN CONTEXT OF "MAGHREB OF  
PEOPLE" DOCTRINE.PARKER

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